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There are 100,000 non-citizens or state negroes in the Indian Territory. This class of people will play an important part in the future of the Territory.

The Prohibitionists are raising heaven and earth and h— to capture the new state, and some say they have a show for success.

✓ The president of the United States is desirous of seeing the Oklahoma and Indian Territories as one state. Now that does settle the matter. Poor old Arkansas can cuss and wait or wait and cuss, it is all the same.

Information wanted concerning the present whereabouts of Robert (or Bob) Blankshear, by his relatives, Samuel Guinn and Lena Blankshear Guinn. Address Cimeter, Muskogee, I. T.

If the Republicans pass the statehood bill now before congress (and they will), there will be a warm time down in this neck of the woods from Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, of the same year.

The Muskogee Republican club represents the organizations of the Republican party in this city and vicinity, and the sooner the crazy misfits who are parading themselves as Republicans find this out the better.

Port Arthur, up to this writing has not fallen. Those gallant defenders are heroes, and will go down in history as such. Our sympathy is with the Russians because "They were our friends when the world was our foe."

The president stands pat on the appointment of Dr. Crum as collector, and it is up to the senate to confirm him. Democrats of the Tillman stripe are cussing, and hoping that the senate will not confirm the appointment.

The time will come, and is now at hand, when fellows who are so anxious and do run before a notary public to make affidavits will wish they had not done so. We advised one cuss to keep off, but he blindly ran into it.

Miss Alice Robertson has been appointed postmistress at Muskogee. This ends the fight for the postoffice, and the parties concerned must bow in submission to the power that is responsible for the appointment. Miss Robertson will make a good official and even if she can't vote, is a good Republican. "All's well that ends well." We congratulate Miss Robertson on her success.

Bert Greer and Col. Douglass have a big fight on. Bert is giving Doug hades down here and Doug is raising Cain at the national capital. Each of them seem to enjoy their way of doing things, and as it hurts nobody down here, all is well.

There are some fellows who are now candidates for members of the constitutional convention, and who have gotten on a turkey gobbler strut and are swearing by the gods that they will be "it" or no one shall. We hope to see some bright, intelligent negro from this place a delegate in that convention. We are not and will not be a candidate. We are anxious to assist the deserving candidate, but under no consideration will we support a swell-headed, conceited, broken-down political hack from — for the place.

Embryo candidates for state offices and congress are doing some splendid side-stepping at this stage of the game, and the fellows who fought the proposition of a negro being on the Territory executive committee will do some back-stepping and double suffling in the near future.

The revenue politicians who worked the dear postoffice applicants to a finish are now looking around for more victims. They scent the battle afar, and are even now getting in trim to skin the (spring chickens), those who are ambitious to run for city offices. (The poor candidate has our commiseration.)

It is a shame and a disgrace that the people at Wybark do not come forward and assist the officers in bringing the lawbreakers to justice. It is a bad state of affairs when men and women will commit perjury rather than that a confirmed scoundrel should be punished. That community will always bear a hard name until the change from protecting criminals in their devilish crimes.

The colored people of Muskogee who claim that there are several factions among our people and that we cannot get together for that reason are mistaken. There are no factions among the real race men. There may be a few sap-headed office seekers who desire to have such conditions to the front. We desire to say there is no Twine faction, because we are not a candidate for anything in sight. We are with the boys in the trenches, and the position is satisfactory to us.

✓ A few damphool Cherokee Indians tried to pass a "Jim Crow" law last week in the Cherokee Nation. These poor deluded devils are trying to ape the Arkansas rebel, and doubtless were influenced to this act by some renegade white man who had fled from Arkansas to the Indian Territory. But of course the thing would not work, a few sensible Indians informing the damphools that they could not set aside the United States law in their little national council, and the damphools subsided.

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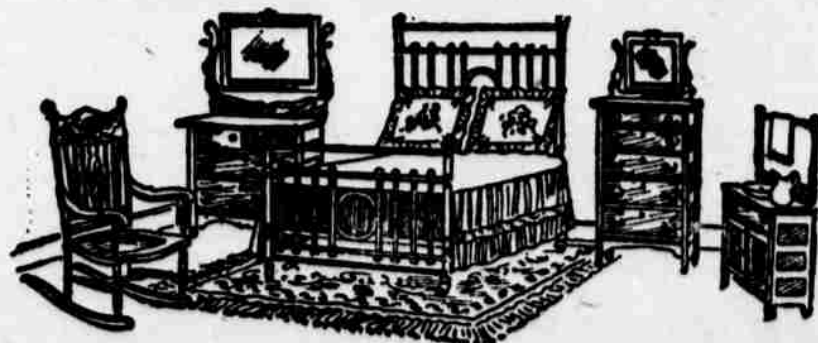
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